

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
IPC 7	A47B41/02	A47B17/00 A47B13/02 A47B9/10
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
IPC 7 A47B		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)		
EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	CA 2 314 807 A (MILLER HERMAN INC) 1 February 2002 (2002-02-01) the whole document	1,2
Y	FR 2 782 615 A (MARIELLE JEAN) 3 March 2000 (2000-03-03) the whole document	3-5
Y	FR 2 782 615 A (MARIELLE JEAN) 3 March 2000 (2000-03-03) the whole document	3-5
A	US 5 271 320 A (RENEAU RAYMOND P) 21 December 1993 (1993-12-21) the whole document	1-14
A	US 6 397 761 B1 (MOORE LORRAINE) 4 June 2002 (2002-06-04) the whole document	1-14
<input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patent family members are listed in annex.		
* Special categories of cited documents : "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art. "&" document member of the same patent family		
Date of the actual completion of the international search		Date of mailing of the international search report
11 February 2004		26/02/2004
Name and mailing address of the ISA European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2 NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016		Authorized officer Neiller, F

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No.

PC17/03/01527

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
CA 2314807	A	01-02-2002	CA 2314807 A1 01-02-2002
FR 2782615	A	03-03-2000	FR 2782615 A1 03-03-2000
US 5271320	A	21-12-1993	US 5461974 A 31-10-1995
US 6397761	B1	04-06-2002	US 2001047742 A1 06-12-2001